
Community Liaison

- Establish and maintain an effective working relationship with all agencies and sections of the Mission.
- Establish and maintain liaison with community organizations and local resources that can benefit members of the post community.
- Serve as community representative on Mission committees (IAHB, EAC, PEC and Commissary Association).
- Attend country team and regularly scheduled briefings with ADMIN and the DCM.

Events Planning

- Coordinate the development and implementation of relevant programs to enhance post morale in the following three categories:
 - ◊ U. S. traditions
 - ◊ Host country culture
 - ◊ Social, educational and recreational activities
- Encourage volunteerism through community outreach.
- Facilitate morale-enhancing seminars and workshops organized by other groups or individuals at post.



THE COMMUNITY LIAISON OFFICE

At Your Post

Eight Areas of Responsibility



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WORLD OF DIFFERENCE



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Your Community Liaison Office Working for You

The duties of the CLO are defined in eight areas of responsibility. The CLO develops and administers a program plan across the eight, which is client-driven and responsive to post-specific needs. The CLO is ICASS-funded, serving all agencies under Chief of Mission authority at post.

Employment Liaison

- Advocate for family member employment opportunities within the Mission and on the local economy and recommend policy initiatives to post management.
- Advertise employment opportunities within the Mission and on the local economy.
- Serve on the Post Employment Committee and advocate for family member preference and a formalized post hiring policy.
- Promote negotiation of reciprocal bilateral work agreements.
- Encourage and facilitate alternative employment options such as telework and home-based businesses.
- Organize and facilitate career planning workshops and employment seminars for family members.
- Educate family members on EFM employment programs managed by the DOS.
- Educate family members on employment resources within the DOS.
- Encourage and assist family members to apply for functional training.
- Administer the post Summer Hire Program.
- Coordinate and maintain post's Family Member Employment Report (FAMER).

Crisis Management & Security Liaison

- Relay critical security information between post management and the community.
- Represent the interests and concerns of community members when security or crisis situations arise.
- Serve on the Emergency Action Committee and be responsible for rumor control.
- Work with RSO to organize security briefings, contingency planning seminars, and town meetings to ensure emergency preparedness and disseminate information.
- Maintain a warden system database for all employees and family members that includes safe-haven addresses.
- Provide and explain evacuation regulations and allowances to community members.
- Provide departure and safehaven info to FLO during an evacuation.
- Crisis aftermath - work with post management to rebuild the community.

Education Liaison

- Establish and maintain liaison with schools used by post families.
- Provide information and referral service on educational options available to employees and family members at post.
- Provide current information and resources on overseas schools, Washington area schools, boarding schools, education allowances, special needs resources, home schooling, distance learning, adult education opportunities and child care issues.
- Facilitate programs that support students and youth at post.
- Prepare annual School Summary Report for the Office of Overseas Schools and the annual Child Care Report for FLO.

Information and Resource Management

- Gather, maintain and disseminate information to the community, post management, and appropriate functional offices in the Department.
- Establish and maintain a community resource center that includes Internet/ Intranet access.
- Develop client database and CLO website.
- Market the CLO program to the community and post management to garner support.
- Submit bi-annual activity report to FLO.
- Submit updated post information to OBC.

Guidance and Referral

- Provide confidential support to individuals and groups within the community. (divorce, spouse/child abuse, adoption, death, mental health concerns)
- Utilize available resources to address concerns and meet needs.
- Recommend referrals as appropriate.
- Represent individual and/or collective concerns to post management as appropriate and help formulate solutions.

Welcoming and Orientation

- Provide pre and post arrival information and resources to ensure successful acclimation to post environment.
- Organize and maintain an effective sponsorship program and welcome activities.
- Coordinate official post orientation program.
- Coordinate reentry workshop for departing employees and family members.